Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential sales and commercial sales both increased in September of 1981 compared to last year. Residential sales increased 2.1 percent, commercial sales increased 0.1 percent, while industrial sales decreased 2.5 percent. This month's gas sales brought the 1981 year to date figure to 11,767.2 trillion of Btu, 2.9 percent ahead of last year's rate.

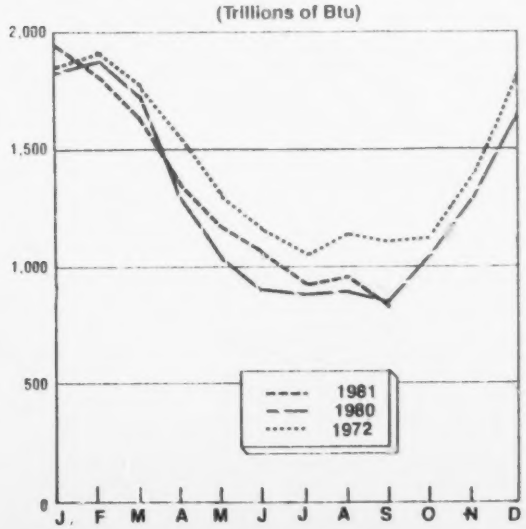
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	September			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1981	1980	% Change[2]	1981	%Change From Last Period	1981 Forecast[1]	1980*	% Change
Residential	138.5	135.7	+ 2.1	3,470.8	- 1.8	4,730.8	4,823.0	- 1.9
Commercial	101.0	100.9	+ 0.1	1,761.7	- 1.4	2,390.6	2,441.5	- 2.1
Industrial	636.1	652.4	- 2.5	6,326.0	+ 7.0	8,277.2	7,862.0	+ 5.3
Other	13.5	15.1	-	208.7	-	158.0	282.9	-
Total	889.1	904.1	- 1.7	11,767.2	+ 2.9	15,556.6	15,409.4	+ 1.0

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

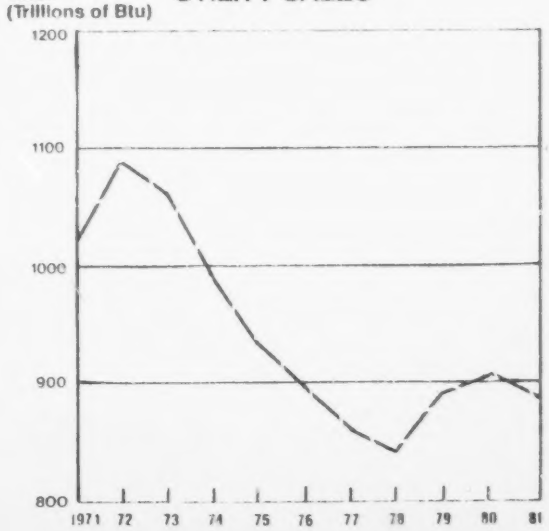
*Based on the 1980 Gas Facts.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

September

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	137.8	137.6	+ 0.1
Electric	176.5	206.5	- 14.5
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	64.6	63.3	+ 2.1
Electric	228.6	221.8	+ 3.1
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	117.9	146.9	- 19.7
Electric	17.1	21.5	- 20.5
Oil	12.7	8.3	+ 53.0
Boilers			
Gas	19.8	28.8	- 31.2
Electric	0.2	0.3	- 33.5
Oil	9.2	5.4	+ 69.8

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Septmeber

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	84.5	138.3	- 38.9
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	431.7	380.2	+ 13.5
Electricity	309.8	269.2	+ 15.1
Fuel Oil	705.7	785.4	- 10.2
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	107.2	109.0	- 1.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.96	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.81	2.25
1981					
1st Qtr.	3.58	3.88	3.74	3.22	2.77
2nd Qtr.	3.59	4.31	3.93	3.29	2.53

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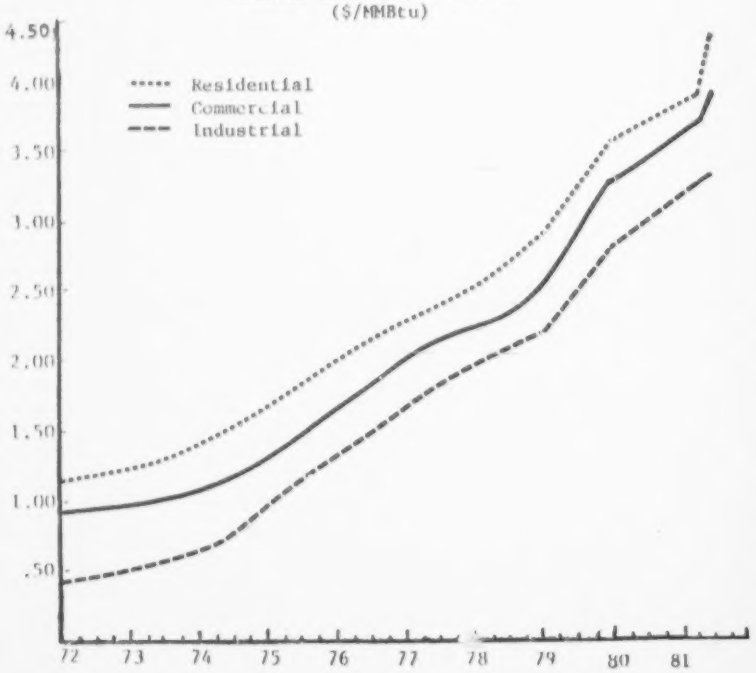
($/MMBtu)



[1] 1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2] The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.